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REMARKS

In the Office Action, dated September 15, 2003, the Examiner states that Claims 14-48 are pending, Claims 14-29 are rejected and Claims 30-48 are objected to. By the present Amendment, Applicant amends the claims.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

In the Office Action, Claims 16-25 are objected to for being illegible. The Applicant is providing herewith an amended copy of the claims. If the Examiner needs a copy of the previous page 4 which was illegible, the Examiner is invited to directly contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney. A replacement page 4 has been omitted here to avoid any confusion with the amended claims submitted with the present amendment.

DRAWINGS

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as failing to show the claimed feature of "a secondary running face lying immediately adjacent to and substantially parallel to...". This feature has been deleted from the amended claims. Thus, the objection to the drawings is considered overcome.

CLAIM REJECTIONS 35 USC § 103

In the Office Action, Claims 14-23 and 27-29 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Bishop (US 5,730,064) in view of Chollet (US 4,982,671). Claims 24-26 are rejected in further view of Hase (EP 945327). However, Claims 30-42 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

The Applicant has amended independent Claim 14 to include the feature of Claim 30 that at least one secondary running face lying adjacent to at least one of the primary running faces, and that the sensing means for sensing lateral

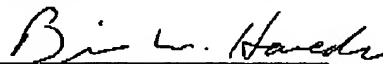
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displacement of the wheelset is with respect to that at least one secondary running face. These features are indicated as being allowable subject matter. Thus, the Applicant considers that Claim 14 and the claims dependent thereon to be allowable.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in better condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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